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FARMER'S BOYS

There is a great disposition among the sons of farmers to leave home and seek their fortunes in towns and cities. The allurements of commercial and professional life entice them so strongly that they cannot resist the temptation. The boys who do not stay on the farm and stick to agricultural pursuits make, as a general thing, a great mistake. There is no calling more honorable, more successful or more pleasant, when rightly followed, than that of farming. Notwithstanding, we find the number of young men who refuse to become interested in farm life constantly increasing and many farming communities being deprived of their most intelligent young men. They are encouraged to go to the cities to engage in commercial pursuits or to colleges to acquire professions that are foolishly considered more respectable than farming. The brilliant attractions of great fortunes and professional renown have lured thousands of farmer's boys to ruin. Many who have been tempted by the siren song have left their homes only to be ruined in health and reputation, without ever climbing the first round of the ladder of fortune. Our advice to farm boys is, stay at home and give your energy and capacity to the noblest of all callings, tilling the soil.

ALTGELD STEPS DOWN.

J. P. Altgeld, the anarchist Governor of Illinois, vacated his office on last Monday. He has gained great notoriety as the Chief Executive of his State. His first notorious act was that of pardoning the few unexecuted Chicago anarchists who helped to kill several policemen by exploding dynamite bombs among them. His second notorious act was that of giving encouragement to the railroad rioters and defiance and abuse of the Federal government when it sent troops to Illinois to prevent the destruction of railroad property and the obstruction of the U. S. mails and interstate commerce. He was very prominent and influential in the convention which framed the last national Democratic platform and nominated Mr. Bryan for President. His support and influence gave thousands of his followers to Bryan, but lost the latter many votes among the conservative men of the West and South. His administration has been a blot upon the great State of Illinois and it is entitled to the congratulations of the country upon its escape from the disgrace of having Altgeld for its Governor.

In a speech before the Bryan silver Club of Chicago on the 7th inst. the defeated candidate for President made use of the following language:

"Not only is this separation between the Gold Standard Democrats and Free Silver Democrats a necessity, but it ought to be desirable to both sides. If the Gold Standard Democrats are as bad, politically, as we think they are, we ought not to care to affiliate with them, and if those who supported the Chicago platform half as bad as the goldbugs say they are they are apt to contaminate all who associate with them."

In my opinion there should be no compromise of the issue involved in the late campaign, and no terms short of absolute surrender offered those who have deserted us. If any Democrat becomes convinced that the gold standard is necessary, or becomes a defender of trusts, he can leave the party and join the bolting Democrats or the Republicans. If any bolting Democrat sees the error of his way and is willing to indorse the Chicago platform and labor with those who seek to carry it into effect we will welcome such a Democrat back into the fold.

This is about what we predicted would be the attitude of Mr. Bryan and his followers after his defeat. The Democrats who declined to be coerced into supporting the doctrines of Populism must make up their minds to stand aloof from the Bryan Democracy or recant. This is the law as laid down by William Jennings Bryan.

SENATOR SHERMAN is opposed to the retirement of the greenbacks and expresses the opinion that it will be an easy matter to maintain a limited amount of the greenbacks in circulation. Mr. Sherman's head is pretty level on financial questions.

The Virginia Democrats have held up a little in their abuse of Grover Cleveland, and are now engaged in pouring their vials of wrath on the head of Gov. Chas. T. O'Ferrall. How short a time has it been since Cleveland and O'Ferrall were the idols of the Virginia Democracy. It only shows that political hate can be more intense than political love. Cleveland and O'Ferrall had the courage to refuse their support to Bryan populism and for this they are hated by the fickle Democracy of the State.

Mr. BRYAN says there can be no permanent prosperity under a gold standard. Could there be permanent prosperity with a silver standard? There can be no permanent prosperity under any standard or monetary system. What we desire to escape is a permanent unprosperous condition. Can that be brought about by a cheap and unstable currency?

The manufacturers of woolen goods and the American wool growers are both in favor of a protective duty on raw wool. Free wool has ruined the wool industry of the country, and it should be brought to a prosperous condition again as soon as the necessary legislation can be made.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer is appealing to office seekers to give President-elect McKinley a rest and opportunity to prepare his inaugural address. If they don't stop calling Maj. McKinley ought to stop seeing them.

It has been positively announced that Judge Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, has been tendered the place of Attorney General in McKinley's Cabinet and has accepted the position. His appointment will be most acceptable to Southern Republicans.

In three states of the Union women voted in the Presidential election last November. These states are Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. How long will it be until women suffrage will prevail in most of the States?

The total increase in the population of France during the last five years was only 175,000. A five week's war with Germany would decrease the population more than has been its increase in half a decade.

The Richmond Dispatch does not seem to be very favorable to holding a constitutional convention this year. It is evidently afraid of the people.

JUDGE GOFF HAS ACCEPTED.

The Attorney-General in President McKinley's Cabinet.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 9.—In an interview to-night, Hon. Nathan B. Scott, national committeeman from West Virginia, and one of Chairman Hanna's closest advisors, confirmed the report that Judge Nathan Goff, of this State, would be the Attorney-General in McKinley's Cabinet. When questioned as to the correctness of the rumor, placing Judge Goff in Attorney-General Harmon's place, Mr. Scott said:

CONFIRMS REPORT.

"The report is absolutely correct. Judge Goff has been asked to take the Attorney-Generalship, and has accepted. He will be one of Major McKinley's advisors."

As to his own aspiration, Mr. Scott said the only office he sought was the Commission of Internal Revenue, and added that his candidacy had been endorsed not only by his own State, but also by Virginia and Missouri. Major McKinley had assured his Missouri friends that he would be well taken care of.

EDITOR HART WANTS OFFICE.

It leaked out to-night that C. B. Hart of the Wheeling Intelligencer, was a candidate for the Consul-Generalship at Paris, or the Liverpool Consulship. He is a firm friend of Major McKinley, and instrumental in securing the West Virginia delegation for him. He is also an aspirant for the senatorial honor two years hence, but, it is said, whether he goes abroad or not, he will be in the race. Judge Goff's friends say they will oppose him.

I ROKATIONS.

Louie L. Baldwin and Denison Baldwin, nephews of our townsman Capt. D. B. Baldwin have both been promoted by the Southwest Improvement Company at Pocahontas. The former takes place as superintendent, Mr. R. Denison Baldwin takes the position of mine boss. These young men have been employees of the Southwest Improvement Company for a number of years and are now rewarded in their promotion for the faithful performance of their duties. —Bluefield Telegraph.

Workingmen and the Tariff.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—The working men played the principal parts in the tariff hearing today by the ways and means committee. Delegations of operatives from the organizations of glass blowers, of Illinois and Pennsylvania and the potteries of Trenton, N. J., and East Liverpool, Ohio, spoke. All told the same story of decreased wages, mills running on short time and general distress under the operation of the Wilson law. F. L. Bodine, of Philadelphia, spoke for the manufacturers of cylinder window glass, and Congressman Taylor, of Ohio, for the potters, gave interesting illustrations of ruinous competition from Japan. F. C. Partridge, of Rutland, Vt., presented a schedule agreed upon by all the marble interests, and miners interested also were represented.

A colored training school will shortly be established at Charleston, S. C.

FIGHT THE SILVER ORGANIZATION

Reunion With Bryanites Out of the Chicago, Jan. 9.—The conference of gold standard Democrats, held at the Auditorium to-day, declared for continued opposition to the tenets of the free silver party and for a continuation of the party organization.

Reunion with the Bryanites was declared to be out of the question, and a resolution offered by John P. Irish, of California, was adopted, calling upon gold Democrats throughout the whole country to perfect their State and local organization with the purpose of placing State and local tickets in the field at the next election.

About sixty men were present, representing the States of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Kentucky and California.

Franklin McVeigh called the meeting to order and named Gen. Simon B. Buckner, of Kentucky, as chairman. General Buckner, in taking the chair, said the meeting was called for the purpose of conferring with reference to the future course of the national Democratic party, which was the only Democratic party in existence.

Speeches were made by men from every State represented, showing that the party was everywhere in good condition. A motion urging the party to perfect their organizations throughout the country was adopted.

John P. Irish said he would not be surprised if the party at its next convention assumed the name of the Democratic-Republican party, the original name of the Jefferson party.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

A machine that splits a hair lengthwise into thirty-seven strips has been invented.

A new razor stop rolls upon a spring drum when not in use, and can be secured to the other side of a shelf or stand out of the way.

The latest attachment for opera and field glasses consists of an eye-shield similar to that in a stereoscope to steady the glass and shade the eyes.

The first attempt at an estimate of bacteria in butter was in Munich in 1891. It was found that there are about 2,000,000 in a grain.

A Scotchman has a patent on a bicycle attachment which consists in placing the wheels on eccentrically mounted hubs so as to give the wheel a rocking motion similar to horseback riding.

A recently patented device for inspecting the bottoms of streams has a heavy metallic tube, the lower end of which is closed with plate glass, an auxiliary tube containing a lamp and reflector and means for supplying air to the flame of the lamp.

A novel mail bag lock has a number of pins fastened to a sliding bar to engage the staples at the mouth of the flap, instead of the old manner of fastening with the strap. The bar is locked in position by a lock concealed within the flap of the bag.

The total number of patents granted to residents of Connecticut for 1896 was \$33 for mechanical devices and 107 for new and original designs, and a total of 940 patents for the year. This is one patent for every 793 inhabitants of the State, including women and children.

To drain tiled floors a new device has the bottom of the tiles arched so as to leave room for water to flow beneath the sections into a drain pipe, the edges of the tiles being fitted with small grooves through which the water percolates to the arched passages beneath.

More than a quarter of a century ago Clark T. Edwards seems to have had a premonition of X ray. In February, 1870, a few years before his death, when he was devoting much time to the study of optics, he expressed the opinion that there might be unknown rays that could produce in the brain a visual sensation with the intervention of the lenses or even of the optic nerve.

A few days ago a Jeffersonville, Ind., convict who for five years had feigned to be a deaf mute confessed his imposture. A Hebrew organization has been refused incorporation by a New York Judge because it proposes to hold its annual meetings on Sundays.

Pending the adoption of a plan to dispose of impounded and unredeemed dogs at Macon, Ga., by electricity, an experiment has been made upon rats. It was successful.

Quantities of apples are to be sent from Winthrop, Me., to Portland, the Main Central Railroad agreeing to transport them without charge, and they are to be distributed to the poor.

All the clerks of Owen County, Ind., since 1852 are living, and they unite in giving an annual banquet. The present clerk was born on the day on which the oldest of the company was elected to the clerkship in 1852.

Liberty Tree, which stands at the northern end of Thames Street, Newport, R. I., has been transferred by the heirs of the original owner to the Newport Historical Society. The tree dates back to 1766, and commemorates Newport's opposition to the stamp act.

The Canadian Government is considering the advisability of deepening the St. Lawrence and the canals from Montreal to Lake Erie to twenty-one feet. Grain then may be sent by steamer from Duluth to Montreal and thence to Europe at a great saving of time and money.

The following notice is published conspicuously in several Kansas country news papers, and referred to editorially: "Corn is legal tender. We have a large amount due on subscription. We will allow 20 cents a bushel for corn on both old and new subscriptions. Bring on your corn." One paper in Northern Kansas has been forced to build several cribs as a result of this notice.

Yellow eyes,

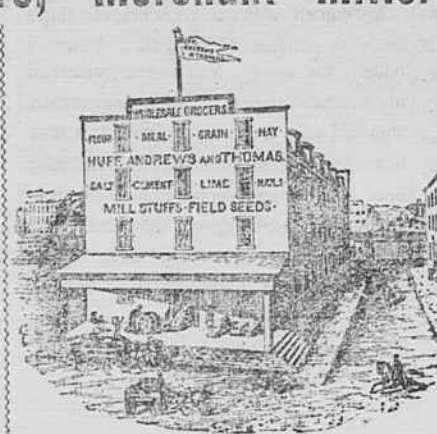
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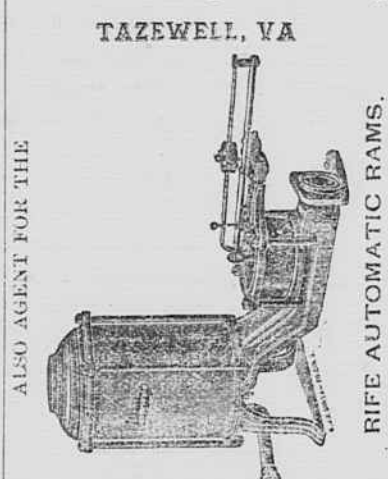
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